

# Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board June 7, 2012

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 4:03 p.m. on June 7, 2012, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present: City Staff Present:

Bob McKinley, Chair Dr. Amy Douglass, Administrator, Tempe History Museum Christopher Clair Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant, Library and

Mark Hubble Cultural Services Division

Shirley McKean Barbara Roberts, Deputy Community Services Director, Library and

Mary O'Grady Cultural Division

Jennifer Wagner

Angela Lopez

Guest(s) Present:

Anne Chandler

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Dr. James Schoenwetter, Vice Chair Gerald Woodward

Meeting convened at 4:03 p.m.

Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

#### Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the May 3, 2012, Meeting Minutes

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, presented the *May 3, 2012*, Museum Board *meeting minutes* to the Museum Board members for review and consideration.
- MOTION: Mark Hubble moved to approve the May 3, 2012,

Museum Board meeting minutes document as presented.

SECOND: Shirley McKean, seconded.

DECISION: May 3, 2012, Museum Board meeting minutes document approved

as presented.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Communications Report**

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Manager, introduced Barbara Roberts, Deputy Community Services Director, Library and Cultural Division
- Barbara Roberts stated that she looks forward to working with the Museum Board.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Four Disciplines of Execution Goal**

- Dr. Douglass reminded the Museum Board members that the Tempe History Museum (Museum) staff members are working on the following goal:
  - To increase repeat Museum visits by 10% through regular content changes to the Museum's main exhibit gallery by no later than March, 2013.
- Implementation began in March.
- The large "biography case" situated in the *Living Together* area now features an exhibit about Rose Eisendrath and the restoration of the Eisendrath House.
- Future changes will include an exhibit on the cotton industry, as well as one on the Rough Riders in the *Building Our Community* area.

## Agenda Item 4: Wild Wednesdays

- Dr. Douglass stated that the theme this summer will be Tempe's Sister Cities. All eight Sister Cities will be featured.
  - o On June 6, the first Wild Wednesday focused on Carlow, Ireland.
  - o An Irish volunteer taught the children a traditional Irish dance.
  - Volunteer Peggy Moroney did a story time.
  - o There also were crafts and a scavenger hunt.
  - A total of 361 attended.
- On June 13, the featured city will be Regensburg, Germany.
- The museum staff utilizes teen volunteers to run the activities. Dr. Douglass noted that several of the teens this year are returning volunteers. The main reasons that the volunteers gave for wanting to work at *Wild Wednesdays* were to have something to do over the summer; to work with kids; and the interesting activities.

#### Agenda Item 5A: Report - Public Programs

- Shirley McKean, Museum Board member and Public Programs representative, reported that the film series, *Our Future with Water*, was a success. Many of the attendees came to all three films. The water tasting was fun:
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> film: tap versus bottled water
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> film: filtered tap versus bottled water
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> film: tap water from Tempe, Mesa and Chandler.
- Protesters were outside the museum during the third film. They were protesting SRP's support of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). They were very peaceful and did not enter the building other than to use the restroom and get something to eat.
- Classical Revolution Phoenix's Arizona Centennial Composition Competition was very successful. The performances were judged by an expert panel and the audience.
- **Third Thursday Night at the Museum**: Hwihyun Kim, an ASU graduate student in Astrophysics talked about her research in star formation on May 17.
- **Performances at the Museum**: the **Dry River Yacht Club**, a gypsy Western folk rock band, performed on June 2. There were 180 in attendance: standing room only.
- Four Disney films selected by the Public Programs Committee will be shown on the Saturdays in August.

#### Agenda Item 5B: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.)

• Jennifer Wagner, Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) representative, presented

- the Museum Board members with a statistics report compiled by *Josh Roffler*, Curator of Collections, specific to deposits, acquisitions and loans in *May*, *2012*.
- J. Wagner reported that the Museum received **25** provisional deposits as of May, 2012. J. Wagner further noted that there were no new acquisitions.
- New loans were comprised of an incoming loan of photographs of the Eisendrath
  family lent by Kathy Emanuel for scanning and duplication; and an outgoing loan of the
  exhibit, The Finley Boys: Arizona's Royal Family of Rodeo to the Desert Caballeros
  Western Museum of Wickenburg. They will display the exhibit from June 9 to August 5.
- J. Wagner acknowledged the following *provisional deposit*.
  - Ben Arredondo's brief case from his tenure on the Tempe City Council, found in storage by the City of Tempe.

## <u>Agenda Item 5C: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission</u>

- Mark Hubble, Museum Board member, stated that the Hayden Mill grounds are open to the public.
- Dr. Douglass stated that there will be an opening celebration early in October to showcase the changes.

# Agenda Item 5D: Report - Tempe Historical Society

No report.

# Agenda Item 5E: Report - Diversity Awareness

No report.

#### Agenda Item 5F: Report - Oral History Program

- Bob McKinley, Museum Board Chair and Oral History Program representative, reported that *Susan Jensen*, Oral History Program Volunteer, completed *37 transcriptions* totaling *721 pages* within the timeframe of March, 2011, through May, 2012.
- B. McKinley further reported that S. Jensen completed the following transcription in May, 2012:
  - Elna Rae and Philip T. Zeilinger, 68 pages.
- The following interview was conducted in May, 2012;
  - Mary Lou Skok
- B. McKinley reported that the following interview nominations were received in May, 2012:
  - o O. Earle Florence:
  - John Carter Moeur.
- B. McKinley added that the Tempe History Museum Oral History Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on June 12, 2012, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room.

#### <u>Agenda Item 5 - Board Member Announcements</u>

No announcements.

## Agenda Item 6 - Future Agenda Items

No items.

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on September 6, 2012, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

# Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Prepared by: Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Manager

Bob McKinley, Chair Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board